had failed to report to the Labour Officer the names of workers whose work was unsatisfactory, with a view to test them after a month.

* 3083 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation, dated 27th July 1955, from the Cochin Commercial Employees' Association on labour dispute between staff and management of Messrs. Harrisons and Crossfield, Limited, Cochin-1; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The Labour Officer, Kozhikode, conducted conciliation in the matter and submitted his final report to Government on 26th September 1955. The Government have examined the conciliation report of the Labour Officer and have referred for adjudication the demand relating to fixation of age of retirement of persons employed in Messrs. Harrisons and Crossfield, Limited, Fort Cochin.

* 3084 *Q.*—SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that there is an industrial dispute between Messrs. East Asiatic Company, Limited, and Messrs. William Jacks, Limited, Madras, and their clerical staff in regard to their wage scales and dearness allowance?

(*b*) if so, the scales of wages and dearness allowance that were in existence when the conciliation proceedings began; and

(*c*) whether this dispute has been referred to the Industrial Tribunal for adjudication and if so, when?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) *to* (*c*) The answer[a] is placed on the table of the House.

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI : Sir, in view of the fact that the dispute in the East Asiatic Company, Limited, was referred to for adjudication, will the Government reconsider their decision in cases where adjudication has been refused in commercial concerns with regard to wage scales?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The hon. Member may bring to the notice of the Government about concerns where he thinks that there is room for reconsideration of the decision of the Government.

MR. SPEAKER : As the Hon. Minister for Public Health is not attending the House to-day, questions Nos. 3085, 3090, 3094 and 3097 will be taken up at the next sitting of the Assembly.

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[a] **Printed as Appendix I on page 343 infra.**